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HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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REDUCTION IN EMPLOYMENT .
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of workers have become jobless due to the policy of the Government to down size its present massive strength;

(b) if so, the number of workers reduced during the last three years in the entire public sector units of the country; and

(c) the measures taken to protect the interests of workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES(DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (c): Policy of the Government is to right size the staff strength. The Central publicsector enterprises which are following the policy of right sizing the strength through the process of voluntary retirement scheme have reduced the staff strength by 29,628, 43760 and 45,625 number of employees during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively. The scheme is voluntary in nature. On 6.11.2001, Government have further liberalized the scheme of voluntary retirement by allowing increased ex-gratia by 100% and 50% to employees of those enterprises wherein pay revision from 1.1.92 and from 1.1.97 respectively has not been effected. For the employees of Central PSUs released under VRS, a scheme for Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment is in operation which inter-alia provides for re-orientation of the rationalised employees to acquaint them with skills and re-orient them to engage themselves in self-employment activities.